

VETBrief

ARIZONA DISTRICT OFFICE

The Arizona District Office will be hosting the upcoming events. For specific information, contact James Pipper, Veterans Business Development Officer at 602.745.7230 or fax: 602.745.7210.

Veterans Business Seminar

Phoenix

Thursday, August 26, 2004

Veterans Business Resource Seminar

September 23, 2004

Kingman

October 19, 2004

Sierra Vista

November 9, 2004

Tucson

January 18, 2005

Yuma

February 22, 2005

Phoenix

March 15, 2005

Lake Havasu City

April 18, 2005

Show Low, Pinetop, Lakeside

April 19, 2005

Flagstaff

May 19, 2005

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June 16, 2005

Phoenix

COLORADO DISTRICT OFFICE

Bureau of Land Management, General Services
Administration (Rocky Mountain Region), Small Businesses
Administration (Denver) and the Center for Veterans
Enterprise (Washington, D.C.)

Sponsoring

"FEDERAL CONTRACTING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE-DISABLED OWNED/VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE"

DATES: July 14-16, 2004

TIME: [Click here for agenda](#)

PLACE: Denver Federal Center [Click here for a Map of the Fed Center](#)

6th and Kipling, Lakewood, CO

Networking reception at the Hampton Inn on July 14

Building 41, Remington Arms Room on July 15

Building 810 on July 16

Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch

- ❖ For planning purposes, pre-registration is required
 - o Only completed forms will be processed!
- ❖ Registration deadline is Friday, July 9, 2004
- ❖ No registration fee

The registration form may be faxed or submitted electronically. Click [here](#) if you have Word for a fillable form. Please email to Latanda_Mack@blm.gov. Click [here](#) for a printable pdf version of the form. Please fax completed registration form to Latanda Mack at (202) 452-5141.

For questions or comments, call (202) 452-5036.

Hampton Inn Hotel Links

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FEDERAL AGENCIES

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA)

Defense Phone Card Program Goes Public

Military Phone Card Donation Program Goes Public

The Department of Defense announced today that any American can now help troops in contingency operations call home. __ The Defense Department has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards to any individual or organization that wishes to purchase cards for troops who are deployed. The "Help Our Troops Call Home" program is designed to help service members call home from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

For those wishing to donate a prepaid calling card to a military member may log on to any of the three Armed Services Exchange web sites: the Army and Air Force Exchange Service <http://aafes.com/> [<https://www.aafes.com/>] , the Navy Exchange Service Command <http://www.navy-nex.com> [<http://www.navy-nex.com>], and the Marine Corps Exchange <http://www.usmc-mccs.org> [<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/>] . Click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link. From there, a prepaid calling card may be purchased for an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized. The Armed Services Exchanges will distribute cards donated to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society and the Fisher House Foundation.

The Armed Services Exchanges operate telephone call centers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and other countries and aboard ships -- anywhere service members are deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. All of these locations stay busy around the clock to keep up communication between deployed troops and their loved ones. The cards available through the "Help Our Troops Call Home" program offer the best value for calls made from the call centers never expire, and there are no added charges or connection fees.

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Individuals and organizations also can show their support to deployed troops and their families with gift certificates. The "Gift of Groceries" program allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates at <http://www.cinnassarues.com> [<http://www.commissaries.com/>] or by calling toll free 1 (877) 770-GIFT. The Armed Services Exchanges offer the "Gift From the Home-front" gift certificate for merchandise at these exchange web sites: <http://www.aafes.com> and <http://www.navy-nex.com> or by calling toll free 1 (877) 770-GIFT. Gift certificates may be purchased to be mailed to service members and family members or will be distributed to "any service member." Only authorized commissary and exchange patrons may redeem the gift certificates at military commissaries and exchanges, including those stores supporting deployed personnel around the globe.

Other Veteran Events

HBCU/MSI Business Programs

Veteran and Service-Disabled Veterans are the key Federal topic at the September 13-15, 2004 New Realities Program at Jackson State University.

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